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BSD Policy C2

BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY

CODE C2: STUDENT ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Statement of Philosophy

This policy shall be concerned with the health and well-being of all students and the policy shall take into consideration the individual needs of students with problems (drug, alcohol, substance misuse problems) as well as the right of the majority of students to an education.

Policy

It is therefore the policy of the Burlington School District (District) that no student shall knowingly possess, use, sell, give or otherwise transmit, or be under the influence of any illegal drug, regulated substance, or alcohol on any school property, or at any school sponsored activity away from or within the school district. It is further the policy of the District to make appropriate referrals in cases of substance misuse.

Definitions

1. The term “**substance**” as used in this policy includes any illegal, controlled, or over-the-counter drug, alcohol products, cannabis, any abusable glue or aerosol paint, or any other chemical substance as defined by state or federal law.
2. The term “**substance misuse**” as used in this policy is the ingestion of a substance in such a way that it interferes with a person’s ability to perform physically, intellectually, emotionally, or socially.
3. The term “**drug**” as used in this policy means any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, cannabis or any other controlled substance as defined by state or federal regulation or statute.

Administrative Responsibilities Related to Alcohol and Drugs

Educational Program. The superintendent or designee shall work with appropriate staff members to develop and conduct an alcohol and drug misuse educational program. The program shall be consistent with the Vermont Alcohol and Drug Education Curriculum Plan. If the District is a recipient of federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act funds, the Act will be considered in the development of the alcohol and drug misuse educational program.

Cooperative Agreements. The superintendent or designee shall annually designate an individual to be responsible for providing information to students and caregivers about outside agencies that provide substance misuse prevention services and to encourage the use of their services and programs when appropriate.

The District shall have a cooperative agreement with at least one provider, approved by the Department of Health, that will provide substance misuse support services and treatment to students who are referred through the school’s support and referral system, or who refer themselves for treatment.

Immediate Procedures. The superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for responding to any alcohol/drug related incident until the student has been discharged to the caregiver, social service, medical, or law enforcement agency.

Emergency. The superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for administering emergency first aid related to alcohol and drug misuse. The procedures will define the roles of the personnel involved.

Administrative Responsibilities Related to Student Conduct and Discipline

Any student who violates this policy by knowingly possessing, using, selling, giving or otherwise transmitting, or being under the influence of any illegal drug, regulated substance, or alcohol, on any school property, or at any school sponsored activity away from or within the school shall be subject to discipline consistent with the District's policy on Student Conduct and Discipline and the school's overall discipline plan developed pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1161a.

Notification. The superintendent or designee shall ensure that caregivers and students are made aware of the standards of conduct and disciplinary sanctions contained in the procedures related to this policy and are notified that compliance with the standards of conduct is mandatory.

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<i>Legal Reference(s):</i>	<i>20 U.S.C. §§7101 et seq. (Safe & Drug-Free Schools & Communities Act of 1994)</i>
	<i>16 V.S.A. §909 (Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention Education Curriculum)</i>
	<i>16 V.S.A. §131(9) (Comprehensive Health Education)</i>
	<i>16 V.S.A. §1045(b)(Driver Training Course)</i>
	<i>16 V.S.A. §1165 (Alcohol and drug abuse)</i>
	<i>18 V.S.A. §4226 (Drugs: minors, treatment, consent)</i>
	<i>18 V.S.A. § 4237 (Possession and Control of Regulated Drugs)</i>
	<i>7 V.S.A. §1001 (Alcoholic Beverages, Cannabis, And Tobacco Definitions)</i>
	<i>Vt. State Board of Education Manual of Rules and Practices §§4200 -4212.3B)</i>
<i>Cross Reference:</i>	<i>Student Conduct and Discipline</i>
	<i>Search and Seizure of Students by School Personnel</i>
	<i>Wellness and Comprehensive Health</i>
	<i>Tobacco Prohibition</i>